

Mayor Andy Schor's Transition Team Meeting

January - June 2018



Andy Schor, Mayor

AT A GLANCE

48 hour average

turnaround time for
pothole fill

\$2.25 million saved

in proactive flood
response - March
2018

2019

BUDGET

HIGHLIGHTS

\$150,000

FOR FACADE AWARDS

\$400,000

FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

\$300,000

FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

HOMICIDES ▼ 78%

CRIME ▼ 23%

Social Services

- Keep Babies Dry Event
- Mobile Food Pantries; 3,593 individuals served
- Services for the Homeless
- Gap Feeding program; April - 350 households & 2,649 individuals served. June - 325 households & 2,296 individuals served

Overview of Accomplishments

- **Public meetings** – 4 roads shows, 2 quarterly neighborhood resource summits, 5 months of Neighborhood Roundtable meetings to inform and engage citizens
- **Neighborhood focus** – new department, neighborhood focused events such as Walking Wednesday, Neighborhood Roundtable Meetings, and Housing and Resource summits, moving agencies to be more efficient
- **Economic development** – created a city Department of Economic Development and Planning to focus on strategic economic development particularly on corridors
- **Budget passage** – unanimously and in 1 hour at council. Budget highlights – \$400,000 for roads, additional \$300,000 for sidewalks, 3 new full-time code officers, \$150,000 in façade grants, social worker for police
- **Roads** – average time of 48 hours to fill potholes when we get a complaint, plows getting GPS, paving major streets (Pine and kalamazoo with Jolly and Penn starting soon)
- **Code compliance** – working with code compliance closely and adding additional code compliance officers in the budget, including one to work on commercial properties
- **Parking** – revamping parking decks, upgrade of meters and decks started
- **Development** – work on court and lock-up consolidation, Red Cedar agreement reached and to Council, new housing being developed at former YMCA property
- **Flood** – first proactive emergency declaration in Lansing history, \$2.25 million saved due to city efforts, hundreds of houses saved, effective flood response with shelter operations, worked with state and feds for money to be available to those affected
- **Police and Fire** – successful resolution to attack on police officers, homicides are down 78%, overall crime is down 23% for 2018, expanding body worn camera program
- **Social Services** – Keep babies dry event, several mobile food pantries, working with VOA for services, support for many services for homeless and those in need
- **Parks** – Replacing equipment at Ormond Park, installing new bollards at Graves Park to eliminate cars from driving in the park, worked with BWL to purchase and install 50 trees on Lansing's eastside near Foster Center, 22 new trees at Foster Park, installed new fitness equipment at Davis Park

Business & Economic Development

Assist small businesses by leveraging economic development tools

- Worked on initial City Hall review process
- Worked on Red Cedar Development process
- Engaged in site visits to Detroit and Grand Rapids to explore programs/projects that could be replicable in Lansing
- Met with national partners to discuss development opportunities in Lansing area
- Worked on several development deals to refinance existing affordable housing developments, discussed opportunities to bring several housing deals to the City, and served on the City's ad hoc housing committee

Ensure well-maintained and functional infrastructure that supports economic growth & community development

- Created a City Department of Economic Development and Planning to focus on strategic economic development, particularly on corridors
- Finished paving at Bancroft Park and worked with neighborhood to open and close gate to access the park during park hours
- Installed new bollards at Graves Park to eliminate cars from driving in the park
- Installed fitness equipment at Davis Park
- Removed old tennis courts from Woodcreek, Wilson, and Dunnabecke Parks
- Removed old fence from east side property line at Kendon Park to provide improved park access

- Worked on balancing building safety with providing development opportunities to historic buildings
- Hosted 6 Walking Wednesday events: Baker Neighborhood, Everett, Eastside Connector, Coachlight Commons, Risdale Park, and Walnut Neighborhood with 200+ citizens in attendance
- Worked to implement city's marijuana laws, which involved contributions from code enforcement, building safety, development, and zoning
- Rolled out plans for enhancing city's parking inventory, including updated meters, software/hardware for ramps, permitting systems, communications, etc.
- Started a process for developing a long-term capital improvements plan for the City of Lansing
- Worked on implementation of Form-Based Code
- Presented or met with neighborhood groups and/or leaders to discuss important issues indifferent parts of the city (Rejuvenating South Lansing, ENO, Walnut Neighborhood, Baker/Donora
- Asphalt replacement and improvements at Burchard Park
- Opened the first Disc Golf Course in Lansing at Ingham Park
- Partnered with CADL to open a Book Nook at Schmidt Community Center
- Increased space for ITEC and negotiated new lease terms at Foster Center

Establish neighborhood grocery stores and fresh food access for all its citizens

- Held several meetings with architects/developers/landowners on potential developments and facilitating those developments

Education

Relationship between the City of Lansing and the Lansing School District

- Parks & Rec. department representation at Lansing Community College Service Fair
- Developed an education partnership with Davenport University

Support Lansing Pathway Promise, Lansing Promise, and HOPE scholarships and the Lansing Educational Advancement Foundation

- Partnered with the Lansing Promise and Lansing School District to create the Lansing Promise Capital City Classic Baseball Tournament, ensuring that students in the City of Lansing can play games in Cooley Law School stadium as outlying schools have done

Promote the value of living, learning and working in a diverse community

- Diversity Council appointments
- HR & Community Services department developed a series of tapes in six languages that allow us to relate to our brothers and sisters regarding healthy homes

Neighborhoods & Public Safety

Housing and code compliance

- Hired 3 new full-time code officers
- City Attorney Worked with Code Compliance, Building Safety, and LPD to develop a process to ticket and prosecute both Medical Marijuana complaints and building safety infractions
- City Attorney worked closely with Code Compliance to draft policies and procedures for the claims review process

Fund and adequately train police and fire

- Crime is currently down 23% for 2018
- Homicides are down 78% from 9 to 2 as of June 15
- Expanding our Body Worn Camera Program to include our Tactical Entry Team
- Upgraded our Police Fleet with new HD cameras to be compatible with Body Cameras and Interviews
- Upgraded our Police Interview rooms with new HD cameras to be compatible with Body Cameras and Fleet
- IT department worked with LPD to equip the motorcycle cops with computers and printers, which automates the citation workflow with the courts

Create citizen advocate

- Citizen Advocate position created in order to directly resolve citizen questions and concerns efficiently and effectively
- Mark Lawrence – mark.lawrence@lansingmi.gov

Infrastructure & City Service

Smart spending

Financial Empowerment Center 2018 YTD (Calendar year – since 1/1):

- 661 financial counseling sessions
- 343 total clients served
- 233 new clients
- \$126,526 in non-mortgage debt reduction
- 60,186 in increased savings

Lansing SAVE 2018 YTD (School year – since December): All 17 Elementary Schools participating

- Participation rate (% of families who have made private deposits: 29.6%)
- Private deposits made this year in school: \$5,552.14
- 789 students made deposits this year; 492 for the first time

Offender Success 2018 YTD (State fiscal year – 10/1 to 3/31):

- 77 served for housing – average length of stay 86 days – statewide avg 61 days
- 92 served for job placements – placement rate 47.8% – statewide avg 41.5%

Regionalism: maximize regional opportunities focused on shared services, eliminating inefficiencies, and leveraging economic opportunities

- Secured partnership with Habitat for Humanity to focus their Rock the Block home improvement efforts in the Baker Neighborhood for 3 years
- Coordinated neighborhood/park cleanups in Cherry Hill and established a partnership agreement with the United Way to utilize their online volunteer portal. Next cleanup there is 6/21, is co-branded with the United Way
- Partnered with the Lansing Promise and Lansing School District to create the Lansing Promise Capital City Classic Baseball tournament, ensuring that students in the City of Lansing can play games in Cooley Law School stadium as outlying schools have done
- Serve Lansing committee has been created and includes top leadership from United Way, Red Cross, BWL, MSU as partners. Will develop and launch the Serve Lansing citywide service plan Fall 2018
- Partnered with the Red Cross on their Sound the Alarm event to provide and install smoke detectors in homes. Focused their event in SW Lansing neighborhoods. Will expand this program in coming years with this new partnership
- IT department is offering free wireless access at Adado park, which can be reserved for community events, we plan on expanding to other parks across the city
- IT has automated over 120 city workflows that are utilized for both internal and external services, increasing efficiency of projects and facilitating better communication
- Public Service Department staff are working on a project with the Ingham County Road Department for 2019 (Kalamazoo Street from Holmes Street to east of Clippert Street). This project is also being coordinated with BWL water main replacement

Roads & Sidewalks

- Budget of \$400k for roads and \$300k for sidewalks
- \$ 410,000 in the budget allocated to sidewalk repair and \$220,000 allocated to new sidewalks
- \$1,100,000 in the budget allocated to major maintenance projects
- Plows are getting GPS so citizens can track their street's plow progress
- Average of 48 hours to fill when a pothole is reported
- Paving of major streets (Pine, Kalamazoo, Jolly, Penn, etc.)
- Have road project map with the last several years of projects as well as the 2018 and planned 2019 and 2020 projects
- Now have a road condition/rating map with recommended fix(es) and associated costs. This allows the public to look at the segments they are concerned with and check the condition
- Mayor has held 4 street infrastructure information and input sessions to assist in developing a priority ranking system for street repairs
- Working on a map with all the pothole requests from 2016, 2017 and 2018

Ribbon Cuttings

- Sahara Delight
- Michigrain Distillery
- Masters Touch Barber Shop
- Acapulco Mexican Grill
- La Cocina Cubana
- Batter Up Bistro
- Kindsvatter Dalling & Associates, Inc.
- The Fledge
- CubeSmart
- Olga's Kitchen
- Speaker Law Firm
- Martin Waymire
- Sparrow Urgent Care
- Strange Matter
- Art's Pub

Investments in Lansing

- GM: \$175 Million toward tools and equipment at the Lansing Grand River Assembly Plant
- Loc Performance Products: Expansion creating 500 new jobs in Lansing
- YMCA: \$25 Million to convert old YMCA building to apartments with ground-level commercial and retail space.
- The Fledge: Entrepreneurial business moved into Lansing
- Red Cedar project: \$242 Investment in Lansing
- Ellison Brewing Company: Opening a new location in REO Town
- Opportunity Zones: Seven Priority Zones designated by the state of Michigan that will incent investment along vital corridors
- McLaren: New \$450 million, 52-acre campus being built in Lansing
- BWL: Building \$26 Million central substation in REO Town

GRANTS

**< \$2 million
in funding from Ingham
County**

for 8 Lansing River
Trail projects

**\$ 250 South Lansing
Kiwanis**

for summer camp
programs

Grant from NRPA

to implement senior
walking program
"Walking With Ease"

**\$ 1,000 Grant from
Target**

for youth soccer
scholarships

**\$ 68,000
from the Baseball
Tomorrow Fund**

for field renovation
at Quentin Park

**Awarded
By the City
of Lansing**

- \$40,000 in neighborhood grants
- HUD funds through a competitive grant
process



Lansing's Time is Now